

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3710**

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| TO:       | The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee |      |         |
| FROM:     | Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board   |      |         |
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| AUTHOR:  | Representative Crawford    | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | 44-61-10 |
| SUBJECT: | Emergency Medical Services |                    |          |

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3710 amends Chapter 61, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to Emergency Medical Services. The Bill revises definitions and the composition of the EMS Advisory Council. The Bill establishes the position of State Medical Control Physician and requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control to establish ambulance and EMS technician license, permit and certification requirements and fees. The Bill provides for civil penalties and for investigative reviews of EMTs.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) reports that DHEC is already administering license, permit and certification programs for ambulance and EMS technicians. The costs associated with these provisions are recovered from licensing, permit and certification fees and fines authorized in this Bill. The cost associated with the State Medical Control Physician is estimated at about \$10,000 annually and can be obtained from a federal grant. There is no fiscal impact on the State General Fund.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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